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REMARKS

Claims 2-7 and 16-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner states that the claimed invention contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and/or use the invention. The Examiner states that the written description does not clearly describe how the output member 50 rotates and the figures fail to clearly illustrate the structural arrangement of the output member 50 to allow rotational movement. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Section 35 USC 112, first paragraph, states that "the specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same, and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention."

The description is enabling. The specification contains a written description of the invention that would enable a person skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. The specification states that the output member 50 can move in a rotational direction, and a detent arrangement 44 can act substantially perpendicularly to the rotational direction (i.e., radially inwardly or radially outwardly), as disclosed on page 5, lines 12 to 14. Although the location of the axis of the output member 50 is not disclosed, one skilled in the art would understand that the output member 50 would rotate about an axis to move rotationally. One skilled in the art would also understand that if output member 50 rotates, the detent arrangement 44 would move substantially perpendicularly to the rotational direction, causing the plunger 46 to move to compress the spring 42 and provide a higher actuating output force. One skilled in the art would understand and be able to make the invention, and the description is enabling.

Finally, Figure 3 and the description on page 5, line 15 to page 7, line 18 clearly describe a rotational movement of an output member. The specification describes that the output lever 68 rotates (page 6, line 20), clearly supporting rotary movement of the output lever 68. The claimed invention is supported by the specification and Figures 3 and 4, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

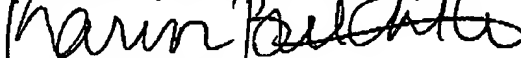
Thus, claims 2-14 and 16-24 are in condition for allowance. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge

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Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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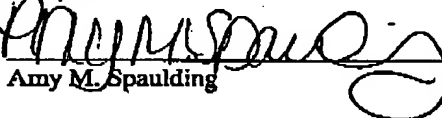


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